

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota Optometric Volunteers (SDOV) is a tax exempt, nonprofit charity designed to aid the "working poor;" and,

WHEREAS, The working poor--those people who are not getting medical assistance--do not qualify for Medicare and can't afford health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, While the use of the term "working poor" has been debated, there is probably not a better term to define the target group. At this point in time, when both public and private social programs are facing their most severe challenges, this group (working poor) was noticeable as those persons who continually "fall through the cracks" of government safety nets designed to help the needy; and,

WHEREAS, The foremost goal of SDOV is the provision of eye care to those individuals in our society who truly have no means to obtain it otherwise, and this humanitarian aspect of SDOV is carried out through the Give-A-Day concept and continuous patient care throughout the year; and,

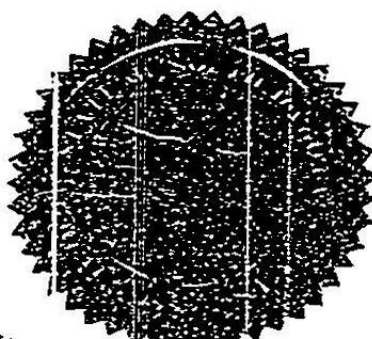
WHEREAS, Most optometrists across the state of South Dakota are donating their professional time and expertise to "Give-A-Day" of free eye exams to the working poor, and South Dakota optometrists will strive continuously throughout this year and every year to provide top quality eye care to the citizens of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 7, 1990, as

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in South Dakota, and commend the South Dakota Optometric Volunteers for their generous efforts to provide eye care to the "working poor" of South Dakota by providing free eye examinations and eye glasses at minimal cost. I further commend the optometrists and their staffs who participate in the Give-A-Day program for donating their time and experience to ensure that quality vision care is available to every citizen of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety



ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltine
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR